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Glen Canyon News Release

Event Held in Celebration of National Public Lands Day

Page, Ariz. - This year's National Public Lands Day event, held on September 23rd, was deemed by all a great success. Sixty students and eight teachers and chaperones from Page (AZ) Middle School, along with seven volunteers from the local community, helped remove graffiti from the Coves area near Wahweap Marina.

Park Ranger Lisa Dittman coordinated this year's event which began with a presentation at the school that explained the resource damage caused by graffiti on public lands. The students then got on a bus and headed for the park where they were greeted by additional park staff.

Enthusiasm ran high as witnessed by exclamations of, "This is fun!", "This isn't hard to do at all", and "I want to bring my family out to help." Students gained an understanding not only that Glen Canyon National Recreation Area is a place worthy of preserving, but of their role in that protection. Looking back on their handiwork, they were proud of the results. Using wire brushes and water, students removed approximately 5,500 square feet of graffiti from the sandstone rocks.

The National Park Service (NPS) greatly appreciates the assistance provided by the Glen Canyon Natural History Association, the Page Unified School District, and NPS volunteers Mike Mayer and Bill Burnaz.

Glen Canyon personnel look forward to next year's National Public Lands Day event and hope to continue this fine partnership with the Page Middle School.

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